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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6872

BILL NUMBER: SB 323

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 24, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 24, 2011

SUBJECT: School Referendum Levy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Banks

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *School Levy Referendums*- The bill removes the county fiscal body from the school referendum levy process. The bill provides that the county fiscal body is not required to certify the referendum question.

Approval of Referendum Language- The bill requires the language of the question for a school referendum tax levy to be approved by the Department of Local Government Finance before it may be certified to the circuit court clerk.

Repealer- The bill repeals a superseded provision.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *School Levy Referendums*- The Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) instead of the county fiscal body would notify school corporations that the corporation would be authorized to collect additional levies approved by future referenda. The DLGF would be able to comply with this provision within their existing level of resources.

(Revised) *Approval of Referendum Language*- The DLGF would also review school referendum language to make sure it complies with the seven-year levy imposition limit in current law (IC 20-46-1-11). The DLGF already reviews public question language of school corporations and would not require additional expenditures or administrative time to accomplish this provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DLGF.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources: DLGF.

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